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Outcome # 1: Expand the Adult Consumer Network “W.H.E.N.”

Strategies/Next Steps:

1. Develop Consumer Advisory Committee
2. Community Outreach
3. Consumer Newsletter
4. Information referral system in place i.e. info line
5. Peer to peer support system

Measurement:

1. Fewer consumers falling through the cracks
2. Consumer representation from all areas of the state

Outcome # 2: Classes and Trainings on Advocacy

Strategies/Next Steps:

1. Specialized Trainers
2. Train the trainer process
3. Location for classes and trainings
4. varying subjects (i.e. self-advocacy, public speaking, grant writing, skills, consumer-professional partnerships)

Measurement:

1. There will be at least one advocacy training class in each area of the state

Outcome # 3: Specialty Housing Committee

Strategies/Next Steps:

1. Consumer reps from the various housing entities
2. recruiting process for members
3. Methods for meeting (face to face, conf, conf call, emails, etc)

Measurement:

1. Decrease in conflicts and violation of consumer rights and improved quality of housing